



Associated Students of Boise State University  
Governing Code

CHAPTER 3: FINANCIAL CODE

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### **I. Chapter Overview**

#### **A. Purpose and Fiscal Philosophy**

1. The Associated Students of Boise State University (ASBSU) receives a designated Student Activity Fee from all fee-paying students and uses these funds to further the core purpose identified in Code Overview I.A. This Chapter contains the local policies and procedures that govern the use of these funds.
2. ASBSU and all its Personnel will ensure that all financial decisions are fiscally sound. To create the greatest benefit for the students, ASBSU will further ensure that Student Activity Fee monies are efficiently used in the fiscal year they are collected and strive to maximize the availability of funding for Student Organizations and individual students. All funds will be allocated through a decision-making process that is transparent, fair, and equitable for the students of ASBSU.

#### **B. Definitions**

1. Account: Whenever the word Account appears with a capital "A", it represents an internal accounting designation used for control purposes. Each Account carries a different Department ID that is used in the Boise State University purchasing process. Accounts are not separate from the perspective of the external financial institution that the University uses, and this allows the Accounts to carry deficit balances without external repercussions. ASBSU Accounts actually refer to budget divisions in the ASBSU Annual Budget--different pools of money allocated to fulfill different purposes. The term Account is used to simplify this Chapter and make it more readily understandable to its audience.
2. Financial Support Staff: Staff members of or designated by the Student Involvement and Leadership Center for the purpose of assisting in the planning, administration, and execution of the financial needs of ASBSU. This term encompasses the Senior Accountant for Student Life, the Financial Technician, and others who serve this purpose as a part of their duties.
3. Funding Decision: A decision by the Student Funding Board regarding a request for funding allocation of ASBSU funds to a Student Organization or individual student through any and all available funding sources.
4. Grant Applicant: This is the Student Organization or individual student that requests funding from ASBSU.
5. Grant Recipient: This is a Student Organization or individual student that successfully requests funding from ASBSU. This term applies to all Student Organizations and students after a Funding Decision allocates funds for their Grant Request, regardless of whether or not the allocated funds have been spent yet.

6. Grant Request: This is a formal application submitted to the Student Funding Board to request funding from ASBSU for a specific purpose. Grant requests can be submitted by Student Organizations or individual students.
7. SFB Chair: The student responsible for leading and directing the Student Funding Board. This term refers to whatever student is acting as the Chair, regardless of whether they formally hold the title or normally serve as the Chair.
8. SFB Officer: Students serving in an official capacity on the Student Funding Board. This term encompasses all appointed SFB Officer(s), the ASBSU Budget Director, and any other ASBSU Officers serving on the Student Funding Board on an interim basis. This term does not include the SFB Chair, however, as ze has distinct responsibilities.

## II. Budget

### A. Student Activity Fee Revenue

1. The funding for ASBSU is collected from the students of Boise State University as a designated Student Activity Fee. A large portion of this funding will be available to fund Student Organizations and individual students and the rest will be used to support the operations of ASBSU.

### B. Annual Budget Procedure

1. The President, Vice President, and Budget Director will collaborate with the Senior Accountant for Student Life to create the annual budget. This process will include a review of the past fiscal year's utilization rates, and it will determine if and how much the funding eligibility limit for Student Organizations needs to be adjusted.
2. The Budget proposal will be presented to Executive Council by the President and must be approved by a two-thirds majority.

B. All funds collected by ASBSU that were not accounted for or assigned in the approved budget will be automatically added to the Direct Club Grants Account.

C. Budget revisions will be presented as Legislation to the Executive Council, as defined in Executive Code II.C. Budget revisions must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Council.

## III. Funding Model

### A. Eligibility

1. Any Student Organization that meets the following requirements will be eligible to receive funding through the SFB.
  - a. The organization must be recognized as an official University Recognized Student Organization by Student Involvement and hold "active" status as defined by Student Involvement.

- b. The organization must not receive regular annual funding from other departments receiving Student Activity Fees, such as Student Involvement. Student Organizations may receive one-time grants or prizes from these departments provided that these funding sources are available to multiple Student Organizations on a competitive basis.
2. Any student seeking grant funding from ASBSU on an individual basis will be considered funding eligible if ze fulfills all of the following requirements:
  - a. The individual must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale. If a Boise State GPA is unavailable, then this requirement will be evaluated based on the cumulative GPA of the last college/university attended, as determined by the Boise State Registrar's office. If no college GPA is available, the individual's high school GPA will be used to fulfill this requirement.
  - b. The individual must be a fee-paying student.
  - c. The individual must be in good standing with the University. Ze must not be on academic probation and must not have lost the privilege of being funding eligible through sanctions from the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

#### **B. Characteristics of Funding**

1. **Grant Funds Are Allocated:** When a grant is awarded, the funds will be earmarked for the Grant Recipient but will not be transferred to the Grant Recipient. Purchases are effectively spent directly out of ASBSU's Account at the request of the Grant Recipient, using the normal University purchasing processes.
2. This accounting practice makes it easier for ASBSU to fully utilize its funds. If a Grant Recipient fails to use its full award, the excess funds become available to other prospective Grant Applicants.
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4. **Repurposing Grant Funds:** When a grant is awarded, the funds will be earmarked for the specific event or activity designated in the Grant Request. The specific line-item allocations in the budget of the Grant Request and other details such as date or time are not binding. As long as the Grant Recipient still plans to use the same amount (or a lesser amount) of total funds for a purpose that is substantially equivalent to the original purpose, the Grant Recipient does not need to get their new budget allocations or their new plans approved by the SFB. The Grant Recipient needs to notify the SFB of the proposed changes to ensure the changes are not significant.

5. Clarifying example: Assume the Economics Association is planning a dinner event and originally budgeted \$200 for food and \$400 for room rental. Assume further that Economics Association submitted this budget to the SFB in their Grant Request and were awarded \$600. If the Economics Association decides they only need \$350 for the room rental and want to spend the remaining \$250 for food; the group would not need to get this change approved by the SFB. As long as the number of students and general purpose of the event remained substantially the same, the details are immaterial.
6. **Sponsorship Policy:** All grant funds ultimately come from ASBSU's budget, and Grant Recipients may need to recognize ASBSU as a sponsor accordingly. ASBSU must be recognized if the funding is granted for a purpose that is temporary in nature and has a clear start and end date. ASBSU does not need to be recognized on items or materials that have enduring value.
7. Clarifying example: ASBSU would need to be recognized on promotional flyers or t-shirts for an event, but ASBSU would not need to be recognized on general Student Organization T-shirts or equipment that will be used multiple times.
8. ASBSU does not want to claim ownership over Student Organization activities; thus when it is required, sponsorship recognition can and should be subtle. For example, it is sufficient for ASBSU's logo to be featured at the bottom of promotional materials and/or briefly mentioned if and when sponsors are thanked.
9. **Spending Grant Funds:** Student Organization Grant Recipients will spend money by filling out an expense or travel request form and using their own account as the Department ID. Their Account will be reimbursed by the allocated ASBSU grant funds once the expenditure is completed, provided the money was used for the intended purpose. There will be no negative consequences for the Student Organization if their account balance temporarily goes negative as a result of this process.
10. Academic Travel Grant Recipients will spend money by filling out an expense or travel request form and using the applicable ASBSU Account as the Department ID. This enables expenses to be paid directly from the ASBSU Account. Student Involvement policy requires these expenses to be approved by the ASBSU President and Vice President. These officers are obligated to approve all expense requests related to Individual Grants already approved by the Student Funding Board.

- 11. Expiration Dates:** Awarded grant funds will expire four (4) calendar weeks after the occurrence date that was included in the grant request. Upon expiration, the funds will become available to other Grant Applicants of the same variety, and the original Grant Recipient will no longer be able to use those funds without reapplying. Passage of the expiration date will not affect funds that are already encumbered by outstanding expense requests, purchase orders, contracts, reimbursements, or similar claims.
- 12. Extending Expiration Dates:** If a Grant Recipient needs more time to use the funds, a Club Officer from that organization may submit a request to the SFB Chair to have the expiration date extended. This extension request will state the new expiration date desired and the reason for postponing expiration. Extensions may be voted on electronically. Approval requires a simple majority vote.
13. If the request is denied in the electronic vote, the SFB will issue a brief explanation of its decision to the Grant Recipient, and the Grant Recipient may then revise and resubmit the request after clarifying the rationale and needs. If the extension request is denied a second time for the same grant, the decision can only be appealed to the Student Ethics Officer.
- 14. Funding Limits:** There is a limit to the amount of funding a Student Organization or individual may receive from ASBSU. These limits are reviewed on an annual basis during the budget process and approved by the Executive Council. Funding eligibility is tracked cumulatively over the course of the fiscal year. Full funding eligibility is restored on July 1 each year.
15. Clarifying example: If the total funding limit is \$3,500 and a Student Organization receives and uses a Direct Club Grant in the amount \$600, the same Student Organization could only apply for a \$2,900 in Direct Grant funds during that academic year.
- 16. Retention of Funds:** If allocated funds are not used for the express purpose of the Approved Grant Request, ASBSU will retain control of these funds. If allocated funds are spent and the express purpose of the Approved Grant Request is not fulfilled, ASBSU may decide to reclaim these funds, depending on the individual circumstances of the grant in question.

#### C. Direct Club Grants

1. Direct Club Grant: A grant that can be used by a single Student Organization to fund an event or activity that benefits the University community.
2. Total funding eligibility from this source is capped at \$3,500 per Student Organization per academic year. Eligibility can be used in a single Approved Grant Request or through multiple Approved Grant Requests.
3. For any single event or activity, the amount of approved funding cannot exceed \$350 per student participant.

4. **Exclusive and Expensive Stipulations:** An event or activity is defined as Exclusive if participation is explicitly or effectively restricted to members of the Student Organization. Some examples of Exclusive events and activities include but are not limited to holding invite-only banquets, organizing events that are not advertised publicly, and traveling to conferences. An event or activity is defined as Expensive if it requires grant funding of more than \$50 per student participant. Direct Club Grants can be used to support events and activities fitting both of these criteria, but additional rules apply.
5. In order to be eligible for Expensive and Exclusive events and activities, the Grant Applicant (the Student Organization) must first organize and publicly promote a free and open event or activity that is either on-campus or easily accessible from the Boise campus. At a minimum, this event or activity must be posted on OrgSync, and it should contribute to the involvement opportunities at the University. The SFB has the authority to determine whether the Student Organization made a sincere attempt to plan an event that meets this requirement. If the event is deemed sufficient, the Student Organization's Grant Request will be reviewed using the normal processes and rules of the SFB.
6. When SFB funds reach a point of scarcity, as determined by the ASBSU Budget Director and SFB Chair, the levels of Direct Club Grant Funding will be distributed based on the priorities listed below:
  - a. On Campus Events
  - b. Food for On-Campus Events
  - c. Recreational and Professional Development Activities
  - d. Academic Conference Travel (Not supported by the SRI Program)
  - e. Food for General Club Meetings
7. If an event or activity does not qualify as both Expensive and Exclusive, the related Grant Request is not subject to the requirement in Financial Code III.B.4. above.
8. Direct Club Grants are the primary source of funding for Student Organizations. This funding is readily available so that Student Organizations can focus on achieving their mission instead of fundraising.
9. Funds will be allocated and spent from the ASBSU Direct Club Grants Account.

**D. Joint Club Grants**

1. Joint Club Grant: A grant of up to \$7,500 that is available to two (2) or more Student Organizations that want to co-sponsor an event or activity together that benefits the University community. The sponsored event or activity must be either on-campus or readily accessible from the Boise campus, and it must be free and open to all students, even if they are not members of any of the sponsoring Student Organizations.
2. Joint Club Grants give Student Organizations the opportunity to plan larger events and activities and encourages Student Organizations to work together.



3. The event or activity must promote or support the mission of all Student Organizations involved.
4. Student Organizations that have the same basic purpose and share most of their members cannot receive for a Joint Club Grant together if they are the only Student Organizations involved.
5. Clarifying example: The Economics Association and the Economics Honor Society would not be able to apply for funding through a Joint Club Grant. The SFB will determine whether applying Student Organizations are dissimilar enough to be eligible for Joint Club Grants.
6. Joint Club Grants do not use up a Student Organization's funding eligibility; however, each Student Organization may only participate in three (3) approved Joint Club Grant Requests per academic year.
7. In rare cases, the spending limit per Joint Club Grant may be raised for a specific grant if it is requested by the Grant Applicants and approved by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the Executive Council.
8. Funds will be allocated and spent from the ASBSU Joint Club Grants Account.

**E. Individual Student Grants:**

1. Individual Student Grant: A grant that can be used by an individual student to provide for transportation, lodging, and other expenses associated with traveling and presenting an original scholarly work in a recognized and appropriate academic forum or appropriate recreational/professional activity that is designated appropriate by the SFB. This grant is designed to help students enrich their educational experience and credentials while simultaneously building the prestige of the University and supporting its research mission. Total funding eligibility from this source is capped at \$350 per student per academic year. Eligibility can be used in a single Individual Student Grant.
2. A receipt of a Student Research Initiative (SRI) Travel Grant is not eligible for an ASBSU Individual Student Grant
3. Individual Student Grants provide funding for events and activities that may not be directly related to any current Student Organization. These grants may also be used to finance unique opportunities for individual students, provided that the individual's experience is expected to bring a residual benefit to the University community.
4. Funds will be allocated and spent from the ASBSU Grants Fund Account.

**F. Sustainability Grants**

1. Sustainability Grants: A grant that is only limited by the amount of funding available. It can be used by a Student Organization(s) or an individual student to finance projects and initiatives that make the University more sustainable and thus benefit the University community.

2. Sustainability Grants provide funding for large and long-term conservation projects and initiatives that may or may not generate significant or direct benefits in the short run. Short-term and temporary projects may be financed with these grants as well, but preference will be given to projects that provide perennial benefits to the University community.
  3. This is not the only or even necessarily the primary funding source for Student Organizations and individual students focused on sustainability. Sustainable events, activities, and projects can and should receive funding from the other grant funds provided all the other criteria are met by a given Grant Request. Sustainability Grants are a supplement, not a replacement.
  4. Funds received from Sustainability Grants do not count towards a Student Organization's funding eligibility limit.
  5. Funds will be allocated and spent from the Conservation Account.
- G. **Incentivized Grant Funds:** ASBSU may establish other incentivized grant funds through Regulations in order to achieve special purposes that may or may not occur annually.

#### IV. Student Funding Board

##### A. Funding Process

1. A Student Organization or individual will submit a Grant Request to the SFB. Requests should be submitted as early as possible because the length of time consumed by the full award and expenditure process varies greatly depending on the complexity of the request and the purpose of the funds.
2. If the Grant Applicant is a Student Organization(s), the Grant Request must be completed by a Club Officer(s) of said Organization(s). At a minimum, the Grant Request must contain a purpose for the funds being requested, a connection to the mission of the Student Organization, and a line-item budget.
3. If the Grant Applicant is applying for an Academic Travel Grant, the Grant Request must be completed by hir. At a minimum, the Grant Request must contain a purpose for the funds being requested, proof that the individual has been accepted to present hir individual scholarly work at the proposed academic forum, and a line-item budget.
4. Once a Grant Request has been submitted, the SFB Chair will assign the Grant Request to an SFB Officer. The assigned SFB Officer will serve as an advisor to the Grant Applicant(s) and help them make the Grant Request as complete and clear as possible. The SFB Officer will also inform them of any additional steps they will need to take outside of the funding process and any resources that may be available to help make the activity or event successful.

5. Once the Grant Request has been refined, and the date of the activity or event is within eight (8) weeks, the SFB Chair will schedule a grant review session with the Grant Applicant(s). In certain cases where funds need to be allocated and spent well in advance, Grant Requests can be heard more than eight (8) weeks in advance. Exceptions may also be made to allocate funds far in advance for expenses that are small, routine, and recurring throughout the year, such as food for meetings. The SFB Chair will decide when early grant reviews are necessary based on the nature of the Grant Request and consulting the Grant Applicant(s).
6. The Grant Applicant(s) must attend a grant review session to defend their request to the SFB. The grant review gives the SFB the opportunity to ask questions of the Grant Applicant(s) and allows the Applicant(s) to defend the Grant Request in its entirety. If the Grant Applicant(s) misses its grant review date, a new grant review will be scheduled.
7. If two (2) grant reviews are missed without extenuating circumstances the SFB Chair may choose not to schedule another grant review for the same Grant Request.
8. The grant review requirement may be waived by the SFB Chair for Grant Requests relating to routine and inexpensive activities of Student Organizations (for example, snacks for biweekly meetings). The SFB may vote on these Grant Requests electronically or at a regular meeting of the SFB. If the electronic vote disapproves the Grant Request, the Student Organization will then be scheduled for a grant review and go through the regular process.
9. The grant review requirement will not be waived for Academic Travel Grant Applicants because of the necessarily unique nature of their Grant Requests.
10. Funding Decisions will not be made in the presence of the Grant Applicant(s) but will be discussed and decided immediately afterwards. The Funding Decision will be communicated to the Grant Applicant as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours of the grant review. If the SFB reduces the award amount or denies the request, it will provide a thorough explanation to the Grant Applicant(s) when informing them of the Decision.
11. All Funding Decisions may be appealed by filing a Complaint, on either procedural grounds or violation of viewpoint neutrality, to the Ethics Committee following the process in Ethics Code IV.C.

**B. Internal Policies and Procedures**

1. During the fall and spring semesters, the SFB will have four (4) to seven (7) Members: the ASBSU Budget Director, four (4) SFB Officers, and the SFB Chair. In accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the ASBSU Constitution, the SFB Officers will be originally appointed by the ASBSU President and one (1) of these individuals will be internally selected to be the SFB Chair.

2. There must be at least four (4) SFB members present for the SFB to hear Grant Requests or make Funding Decisions. The SFB Chair counts as a member for the purposes of this requirement. Quorum for the SFB is established in Article V, Section 3, Paragraph 2 of the ASBSU Constitution.
3. All SFB Officers present at a grant review are entitled to one (1) vote per round on the related Grant Request. The SFB Chair does not vote, but ze will cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.
4. Once chosen, the SFB Chair will select an SFB Officer to serve as the Vice Chair. The SFB Vice Chair will assume the role of the SFB Chair strictly during grant reviews and deliberations in which the standing SFB Chair cannot participate. The regular SFB Chair is expected to continue serving as the liaison between Grant Applicants and the SFB regardless of whether ze can join in the grant reviews and deliberations.
5. In normal circumstances where the regular SFB Chair is present, the SFB Vice Chair serves in the exact same capacity as the other SFB Officers and has no additional authority whatsoever.
6. If the SFB Chair and the SFB Vice Chair are both absent from a meeting, another SFB Officer may be designated to serve as the chair for the duration of that meeting.
7. **Meeting Time:** The SFB will schedule meetings for a total of at least three (3) hours per week at a consistent time to be determined at the beginning of each semester. If there are no pending Grant Requests that need to be heard or discussed, the SFB Chair may cancel a meeting. If there is a surplus of urgent and pending Grant Requests, the SFB Chair may schedule a special meeting for the SFB.
8. For regularly scheduled meetings, absence and tardiness will be excused if they are related to a death in the family, personal illness, University events, or other extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances do not include work, classwork, or a regularly scheduled class period.
9. For special meetings of the SFB, absence and tardiness will be excused for any preexisting obligations as long as the SFB Chair is notified when or shortly after ze schedules the meeting. Absences and tardiness will also be excused if they are related to a death in the family, personal illness, University events, or emergencies.
10. The Student Ethics Officer will determine what specific circumstances are acceptable reasons for absence and tardiness on a case-by-case basis, if ze is asked to do so.

11. The SFB will not allocate more than 65% of money budgeted for Direct Club Grants, Joint Club Grants, or Academic travel Grants for activities and events that occur during the fall semester. This restriction applies to each fund separately. Funds that were allocated by the SFB in the Fall to be used in the Spring Semester would not count toward the 65% restriction. This 65% restriction should not be interpreted as an ideal allocation goal for the SFB, but rather an extreme upper limit to ensure Grant Applicants have equitable access to funding throughout the year.
12. Clarifying example: The Direct Club Grants Account could not be fully allocated (100%) to Fall activities and events just because no money was allocated to Fall from the Joint Club Grants budget division.
13. This restriction does not apply to other funds that are allocated to Grant Applicants by the SFB, nor does it apply to the individual eligibility of a club.
14. The SFB will consider the following characteristics of each Grant Request when making Funding Decisions:
  - a. Number of students that will benefit from the activity or event
  - b. Uniqueness of the activity or event
  - c. Economical use of funds
  - d. Amount of funding already received from ASBSU
  - e. Other sources of funding pursued and received.
15. Fundraising is not a requirement for receiving grant funding from ASBSU. To ensure limited resources are used as efficiently as possible, Grant Applicants are encouraged to pursue other sources of funding that may be readily available, especially for larger requests.
16. Clarifying example: Some conferences offer scholarships or subsidies to encourage attendance; in such a case, the SFB would look more favorably upon a Grant Applicant(s) who applied for the scholarship than one who did not. Conversely, Grant Applicants would not be expected to hold an arbitrary fundraising event like a bake sale or car wash in order to provide snacks at their meetings.
17. **Financial Need and Scarcity:** The SFB will not consider a Student Organization's Account balance when making Funding Decisions unless funds in the relevant grant fund Account are deemed Scarce. This condition of Scarcity exists if and only if the grant fund Account's year-to-date usage is 10% or more ahead of schedule in terms of the annually budgeted amount.
18. Clarifying example: If the academic year is 25% complete and 35% or more of the Account's total budget has actually been spent, and not just allocated, resources in that Account would be considered Scarce.
19. When resources in a specific grant fund Account are Scarce, the SFB is empowered and encouraged to consider financial need of the relevant Grant Applicants when making Funding Decisions. The existence or nonexistence of Scarcity for each grant fund Account will be determined by the Budget Director on a weekly basis.

20. The SFB can decide to approve a Grant Request as is and award the full amount of funds; approve it with modifications and award a reduced amount of funds; return the Grant Request to the Grant Applicant due to incomplete information and ask them to revise the request and reapply; or deny the Grant Request entirely. Formally, these actions are Approve, Approve with Reductions, Return for Revision, and Deny, respectively.
21. The SFB will follow Robert's Rules of Order when making Funding Decisions. An SFB Officer will move to take one of the actions described above on a particular Grant Request. The motion must be approved by a simple majority. If the motion is approved, then the action becomes the official Funding Decision on the Grant Request in question. If the motion is denied, the SFB will return to deliberations until a new motion is proposed.
22. The SFB Chair does not vote except to break a tie.
23. If the final Funding Decision is anything other than complete Approval, the SFB must provide a brief written explanation to the Grant Applicant when informing the Applicant of the Decision.
24. All SFB grant reviews will be recorded and minutes will be taken. Both be made available to the public upon request for at least one (1) calendar year following the date of the grant review.

#### **C. Viewpoint Neutrality**

1. Grant applicants will not receive favorable or unfavorable treatment in the funding process because they advocate a particular opinion. Further, Grant Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, veteran status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender, or gender expression. All grant requests will be evaluated using the criteria in Financial Code IV.B.11 and follow the procedural requirements outlined in IV.A. Funding Decisions that meet these requirements are considered viewpoint neutral.
2. All ASBSU Personnel responsible for making Funding Decisions will receive viewpoint neutrality training before reviewing or evaluating any Grant Request. This training is considered sufficient only until the end of the current fiscal year. If an ASBSU Personnel is reappointed or reelected in a later year, they must receive viewpoint neutrality training again.
3. All Funding Decisions must be made in a viewpoint neutral manner as defined above. If a Grant Applicant believes that his Funding Decision violated viewpoint neutrality, he can appeal the decision to the Ethics Committee by filing a Complaint. If it is determined that the decision was not made in a viewpoint neutral manner, that decision and all actions taken to execute that decision are null and void.

4. If an SFB Officer or the SFB Chair is affiliated with a Student Organization Grant Applicant, ze must remove himself from the grant review and deliberations about the related Grant Request. The conflicted individual will continue to serve in their normal capacity for all other Grant Requests. If the recusal(s) deprives the SFB of quorum, the SFB Chair may appoint another viewpoint neutrality-trained ASBSU Personnel to serve on the SFB solely to make this Funding Decision.
  5. Serving as an advisor to a Grant Applicant during the application process does not create a conflict of interest. The advising SFB Officer is required to remain impartial throughout the process.
  6. If the acting Student Funding Board (SFB) Chair recognizes or is informed that an individual SFB Officer(s) may be violating viewpoint neutrality, ze will make reasonable efforts to ensure that the decision of the full SFB is made in a viewpoint neutral manner. These efforts may include temporarily suspending the potentially offending Officer(s) from the SFB until the Funding Decision in question has been made. If the temporary suspension(s) deprives the SFB of quorum, the SFB Chair may appoint another viewpoint neutrality-trained ASBSU Officer(s) to serve on the SFB solely to make this Funding Decision.
  7. Temporary suspensions are not an indication of wrongdoing, and there are no other immediate or automatic consequences for the suspended SFB Officer. Temporary suspensions serve as a precautionary measure to ensure Grant Applicants receive equitable treatment. At the option of the SFB Chair, the alleged violation may be referred to the Student Ethics Officer for a judgment. The Student Ethics Officer will not consider the temporary suspension in making this judgment.
  8. If an SFB Officer or Chair believes the SFB as a whole or an individual SFB Officer(s) is violating viewpoint neutrality, it is hir responsibility to express their concerns during the SFB deliberations so that all SFB Members are aware of the situation and proactive measures can be taken. If this action appears insufficient to prevent an unfair Funding Decision, or if an unfair decision has already been made, the SFB Officer or Chair must file a Complaint with the Student Ethics Officer within 48 hours of the decision.
  9. If the Student Ethics Officer determines that the SFB Officer or Chair did in fact violate viewpoint neutrality, the offending individual may be impeached and removed from any and all offices and positions held in ASBSU, including appointments on University committees. The offending SFB Officer or Chair may also lose the right to compensation due from ASBSU. Limited by these constraints, the Student Ethics Officer will determine the appropriate punishment(s) based on the facts of the case.
- D. Acceptable Uses of ASBSU Funding include, but are not limited to, the following examples:
1. Operational Expenses such as printing, postage, equipment rental, office supplies, or general advertising and promotion

2. Event and Programming Expenses such as honoraria and fees, travel, lodging, printing, advertising for an event, space and equipment rental, or program supplies
  3. Travel Expenses such as registration fees, travel expenses, or lodging
- E. Prohibited Uses of ASBSU Funding: The SFB will not provide funding for any of the following:
1. Illegal activities, tobacco, firearms and weapons, alcoholic beverages
  2. Educational expenses related to classroom or instructional expenses including books
  3. Cash awards, or cash gifts to any individual or institution outside the University
  4. Individuals not currently enrolled in the University, unless the students involved stand to gain from said individuals' participation.
    - a. Clarifying example: If a departmental Student Organization wants to hold a dinner with faculty present to help students network and get to know their professors, it is entirely appropriate to fund the entire event, including food for the faculty members.
  5. Local events that are not freely open to all University students. The term local implies that the events are either on-campus or readily accessible from the Boise campus.
  6. Donations to outside organizations
  7. Purchases of durable decorative pieces such as: candles, vases, ornaments, decorative art, etc. Decorations may be rented but not purchased.
  8. Gift Certificates
  9. Publications with hateful or discriminatory opinions that target any of the groups identified in Financial Code IV.C.1.
  10. Office equipment or furniture such as chairs, tables, lamps, telephones, adding machines, cash registers, copying machines, etc.
  11. Items for personal use such as parking permits, equipment to be used outside of the Student Organization, off-campus phone-related charges, consulting services, etc.
  12. Organization expenses such as member dues, officer compensation, scholarships, activities or events whose primary purpose is satisfying course requirements, items for resale, long-term rentals of helium tanks
  13. Events or items that will be used primarily to raise funds for a Student Organization.
  14. Events or activities open strictly for members of social sororities or fraternities because membership in these Student Organizations is restricted.
    - a. Student Organizations that restrict membership on the basis of GPA can receive funding for expenses that only benefit members. The rationale is that an excluded student can raise his GPA and become a member if he so desired. Social sororities and fraternities are ineligible for this type of funding because their membership is restricted on criteria other than GPA.



**F. Duties and Responsibilities of the SFB Chair**

1. Coordinate and conduct SFB meetings up to two (2) times a week to hear and review Grant Requests. The SFB Chair may only have two (2) unexcused absences per semester. Excused absences are defined in Financial Code IV.B.8.
2. Serve as the initial point of contact and liaison between Grant Applicants and the SFB.
3. Assign newly received Grant Requests to a specific SFB Officer for advising purposes.
4. Decide if a Grant Request is small and routine enough that it can be voted on without a grant review. The Chair will inform the Grant Applicant(s) if the grant review is waived.
5. Receive appropriate viewpoint neutrality training and adhere to the policy.
6. Temporarily suspend SFB Officers who may be violating viewpoint neutrality and take other proactive steps as needed.
7. Oversee SFB Officers and ensure they are fulfilling their duties. If an SFB Officer misses more than 4 meetings, it is the responsibility of the SFB Chair to file a Complaint with the Student Ethics Officer.
8. Upon being chosen as the SFB Chair, select a Vice Chair to serve in his absence.
9. Vote only when it is necessary to break a tie.
10. Approve all brief written explanations submitted in defense of all Funding Decisions other than complete Approvals.
11. Inform Grant Applicants of the Funding Decision within 72 hours. Provide the Grant Applicants with a written explanation if appropriate.

**G. Duties and Responsibilities of all SFB Officers**

1. Attend all meetings of the SFB. Only three (3) unexcused absences are allowed per semester. Excused absences are defined in Financial Code IV.B.7.
2. If the SFB Chair has more than two (2) unexcused absences in a semester, the SFB Officers must communicate with each other and ensure that a Complaint is filed with the Student Ethics Officer.
3. Receive appropriate viewpoint neutrality training and adhere to the policy.
4. Review and evaluate all Grant Requests where there is not a conflict of interest.
5. Serve as an advisor to individual Grant Applicants that are assigned to him by the SFB Chair. This advisory role has three (3) separate responsibilities: helping the Grant Applicant make the grant request as complete and clear as possible, informing the Grant Applicant of any additional steps they will need to take outside of the funding process and any resources that may be available to help make the activity or event successful, and being consistently available as a resource to answer any funding questions the Grant Applicant may have.
6. Listen to all Grant Applicants explain their Grant Request in a grant review.

7. Deliberate and cast one (1) vote on SFB motions.
8. Create a brief written explanation for each Grant Applicant ze advises if the ultimate Funding Decision not complete Approval. The explanation will be approved by the Chair.

#### **H. Establishing an Interim Student Funding Board**

1. During the summer an Interim SFB will be established to hear Grant Requests and make Funding Decisions. The Interim SFB will adhere to the same policies and procedures that apply to the regular SFB.
2. The Interim SFB positions will be filled through temporary appointments by the ASBSU President. Current ASBSU Officers, including the President, are eligible and ideally-suited for these positions since some of them will already be working. Past and present regular SFB Officers and Chairs are also ideally-suited for this role.
3. Viewpoint neutrality training is not a prerequisite for being appointed, but all appointees must receive viewpoint neutrality training before they can serve on the Interim SFB.
4. Due to the temporary nature of the position, these appointees will not receive any compensation for their service on the Interim SFB.
5. The Interim SFB will accept Grant Requests starting at the beginning of the Summer Semester. The Interim SFB will only conduct meetings, during a two (2) week period in late June or early July each year, as determined by the Interim SFB.
6. The Interim SFB will only hear and decide on Grant Requests for activities or events that occur within or before the first two (2) weeks of the upcoming Fall Semester. Grant Requests for activities or events that occur later than this will be heard by the regular SFB. Exceptions can be made for activities or events only when expenditures must be made far in advance.

#### **V. Internal Financial Procedures**

##### **A. Financial Support Staff and Reporting**

1. Student Involvement provides Financial Support Staff to assist ASBSU. This staff consists of University employees that are supervised by the Director of Student Involvement, or hir designee. The Financial Support Staff helps ASBSU by approving expense and travel requests, disbursing funds, and completing other tasks related to the financial operations of ASBSU and Student Organizations. ASBSU may transfer funds for the cost of this support as part of the Annual Budget.

2. The Financial Support Staff will issue and deliver a financial statement for each funding eligible Student Organization to each organization on a regular basis. These statements will be made available to ASBSU Officers upon request. The financial statement is a current report showing a starting balance, deposits, payments, and the account ending balances for the organization's account. Additionally, this statement includes the amount of approved and outstanding grant allocations, and the remaining amount of annual funding eligibility that they may apply for. These last two items will be provided to the Financial Support Staff by the ASBSU Budget Director.
3. The ASBSU Budget Director will work with the Financial Support Staff to develop and maintain a reporting format and methodology that efficiently conveys clear, relevant, and accurate financial information to Student Organizations and the students of the University.
4. The Financial Support Staff will provide reports to the ASBSU Executive Council, Student Funding Board, Budget Director, or other Officer on the financial status of ASBSU within a reasonable amount of time upon request.

**B. GPA Requirements for ASBSU Personnel:**

1. All ASBSU Personnel, both paid and unpaid, must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA in the current semester in order to continue serving. If their GPA falls below this minimum, a Complaint may be filed. The Ethics Committee is empowered to remove or impeach the offending Personnel on this basis, but said Personnel must be given at six (6) weeks to raise their grades.
2. All appointed ASBSU Personnel must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA at the time of appointment. An exception to this requirement may be granted under special circumstances if the Executive Council feels it is justified. The Executive Council will indicate its approval of the exception by confirming the appointment in the normal way.

**C. Compensation for ASBSU Personnel**

1. Service Awards: An ASBSU Service Award is a biweekly stipend given as compensation to eligible students working for ASBSU.
  2. ASBSU Personnel may be required to work sporadically during periods when they are not receiving Service Awards.
  3. To receive an ASBSU Service Award, an individual must be a current fee-paying student of the University. Both part-time and full-time students are eligible.
  4. Students cannot receive multiple ASBSU Service Awards simultaneously.
- C. The ASBSU Executive Council will set the amount of each Service Award during the Annual Budget process prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The amount of each service award is as follows:
1. ASBSU President and Vice President – \$300
  2. ASBSU Secretaries – \$200
  3. ASBSU Directors – \$200
  4. ASBSU Assembly Speaker – \$200
  5. ASBSU Student Ethics Officer – \$200

6. ASBSU SFB Chair – \$150
7. ASBSU SFB Officers – \$100
8. ASBSU Caucus Leaders - \$50
9. Other ASBSU Personnel – varies

**E. Changing ASBSU Service Award Amounts**

1. Changes in the amount of ASBSU Service Awards for elected positions will not take effect until the next regular term of office or the next fiscal year, whichever is later.
2. Changes in the amount of ASBSU Service Awards must be made through Legislation. Any changes in service awards proposed after the Annual Budget is approved must include budget revisions in their legislation.
3. Changes in the pay must be signed by the ASBSU President before Annual Budget is approved to be effective for the next fiscal period.

**F. Hourly ASBSU Personnel**

1. Any and all hourly ASBSU Personnel will be paid \$8.00 per hour. Any variance from this rate for specific ASBSU Personnel must be approved by a simple majority of the Executive Council before the different pay rate becomes effective
2. The ASBSU President, or hir designee, will verify the hours worked each pay period. Student Involvement is responsible for formally authorizing the disbursement of compensation.

**G. Refusing Service Awards**

1. ASBSU Personnel are permitted, though in no way expected, to refuse compensation if their individual financial position is sufficiently secure. Each individual will be held to the same standards of performance and accountability regardless of whether ze receives compensation for hir services.

**H. Disbursement of Service Awards**

1. ASBSU Service Award recipients are responsible for providing the Financial Support Staff with all necessary documentation related to Service Awards. Disbursement of Service Awards will be handled by the Financial Support Staff.
2. The total amount of ASBSU Service Awards disbursed may not exceed the total amount set forth for ASBSU Personnel in the Annual Budget.

**VI. Financial Compliance and Authorization**

**A. Executing the Annual Budget**

1. The contact person listed on each line of the Annual Budget has the sole authority to spend those funds. If no contact person is listed, the ASBSU President, or hir designee, has the sole authority to spend funds indicated on that line.
2. When the authorized individual initiates an expenditure, ze must notify the Budget Director. Some sort of exception related to SFB Chair and the grant funds.

3. To spend money from the ASBSU Sponsored Projects Account, a bill must be passed by the Executive Council. The bill will describe how the proposed use furthers the purpose of ASBSU and will contain a line-item budget of the specific expenses.

**B. Financial Compliance**

1. All expenditures of ASBSU funds must comply with University and State of Idaho policies and processes and policies set forth in this Code. All transactions will be approved by Student Involvement.
  2. All ASBSU expenditures will be initiated by the individual responsible for the event or purchase and submitted to the Financial Support Staff. The Financial Support Staff will check each request for compliance. If the requested expenditure is permissible, the Financial Support Staff will follow University policies and procedures for authorization and processing.
  3. The individuals initiating ASBSU expenditures are solely responsible for providing all necessary paperwork and documentation required.
- C. All ASBSU contracts must comply with University and State of Idaho policies and procedures. ASBSU contracts must be signed by the Vice President for Student Affairs, or his assigned designee.